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Triple Crown Simulcasts, Family-Friendly Exhibition Races Top Prairie Meadows' Promotional Schedule

Race Events Include Debut of Corgi Races on Sunday, May 20

March 27, 2018 – Altoona, IA. Prairie Meadows fans can expect an action-packed variety of races during the property's 29th season of live horse racing. The 2018 season begins Thursday, April 26 at Prairie Meadows' one-mile racetrack, located just east of Des Moines, Iowa.

The property's special events kicks off on Saturday, May 5, with the first leg of the Triple Crown, the Kentucky Derby. Prairie Meadows will offer an afternoon of fun activities, highlighted by the live simulcasting of the 144th Kentucky Derby from Churchill Downs. Fans can watch and wager on the Derby while enjoying mint juleps and hat contests on property.

The "Run for the Roses" is scheduled to begin at approximately 5:45 p.m. CT at Churchill Downs. The Triple Crown series continues with The Preakness Stakes on Saturday, May 20. The series concludes with The Belmont Stakes on Saturday, June 9. Prairie Meadows will have 4 p.m. post times for all Triple Crown Saturdays.

This season's family-friendly exhibition races include the debut of the Corgi Races on Sunday, May 20. Returning fan favorites include Wiener Dog Races on Sunday, June 17 and the wildly popular Camel, Zebra, & Ostrich races on Sunday, July 15. Live racing begins at 1 p.m. with the non-wagering, exhibition races taking place between the regularly scheduled Thoroughbred races.

Other significant dates include live racing on Memorial Day (Monday, May 28), Tuesday, July 3, which concludes with a fireworks display, and the Festival of Racing on July 5 and July 6. The 67-day Thoroughbred season concludes with the Iowa Classic on Saturday, August 11.

Throughout the summer months, Prairie Meadows also hosts Family Days on select Sundays. The racetrack's Family Days feature activities such as spin art, princess and superhero character visits, face painting, and race fan education.

Thoroughbred races take place Thursday through Sunday with special race days occurring periodically. The 2018 live racing schedule looks much like last year's, with 6 p.m. post times on Thursdays and Fridays, and 1 p.m. post times on Saturdays and Sundays. Pocket calendars and magnetic calendars are now available at Prairie Meadows. For complete information on the 2018 live racing schedule, visit prairiemeadows.com/racing/live-racing.

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